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## Emerging From Flood Disaster Town Getting Back to Normal

### Relief Station Closes Families Back Home

Northfield is slowly emerging from its flood experience and assuming a more normal living. The waters of the Connecticut have receded and returned to their original channel. The scars left hereabouts are the impoverishment of many who lived on the lowlands, the erosion of many fields and the doubtful value of the once fertile farmlands. To the community is left only the present inconvenience of the loss of highways and bridges, the lack of direct rail service and with it a limited mail facility. The week will see the closing of the Red Cross relief station at Northfield Farms where many families were efficiently cared for after the disaster. Clothing and other wearing apparel furnished to all who were in need at Town Hall will now be given to the Welfare department and some shipped to other places where a greater need exists.

Most of the families who were driven from their homes have now returned to begin anew. On Thursday all homes were connected with the electric system and all wells were examined by bacteriologists from the Mass. State College. The Massachusetts Electric Companies maintained a very satisfactory service in the town itself during the flood conditions though with considerable effort and the telephone service both toll and local was exceptionally good under the circumstances. In order to keep in touch with the outside world special wires were strung.

The street department with its superintendent and men did splendid work in opening up the first detours and the roads to travel and so at no time were we absolutely confined.

With the employment of the State Troopers and our local constables our police regulations were most effective.

The Tenney Farm and all other places have been most effectively cleaned up and just as soon as the mud dries out farm work can proceed.

In our emergency there were many willing hands and everyone had the cooperative spirit. The Red Cross Disaster Committee and the selectmen with all other officials rendered a most valuable service. The spirit of cooperation of the Northfield Schools was splendid and noteworthy.

Sometime mention must be made of those who gave unusual service and it will include a number of names, but the Editor of this paper must accord much honor to Mr. George W. Carr for his exhaustive efforts.

Every family from the stricken area was given a generous

amount of food when they returned to their homes and now the work of rehabilitation must go on. The committee appointed for this part of the Red Cross work will proceed immediately with their task.

### Damage Estimate Not Possible Now

Probably no accurate estimate of the damage done in Northfield and its vicinity or in the Connecticut valley during the flood of the past 10 days will ever be compiled. On the upper reaches of the river more damage was done to homes by huge cakes of ice tearing away the structures than by water damage. Farther down the river silt carried by the water did material damage and many homes were inundated to the second story and in many cases swept away completely.

A survey completed by 104th Infantry National Guard officers shows that 6851 dwelling houses including stores and apartment houses were abandoned during the flood. They are listed by towns as follows: Agawam, 125; Longmeadow, 8; Chicopee, 250; Williamansett, 50; Holyoke, 365; South Hadley, 40; Easthampton, 5; Northampton, 555; Hadley, 200; Hatfield, 300; Whately, 15; Sunderland, 100; Deerfield, 56; Turners Falls, 9; Greenfield, 66; Gill, 2; Northfield, 32; and Westfield, 150.

Springfield and West Springfield led the list with 2515 and 2008, respectively.

### Advice On Flood

A 17-page bulletin on "First Aid for Flooded Homes" has been issued by the state college, United States department of agriculture, and county extension services in agriculture and home economics, and is available free at the offices of the Franklin county extension service.

The bulletin covers care of canned foods, cleaning woodwork, walls, floors and furniture; removing odors from basements; care of mattresses and pillows soaked by flood waters; refinishing walls; cleaning rugs and upholstery of furniture covered by muddy flood waters; dyeing rugs and upholstered furniture; removing mildew and mold stains on clothes, bedding, and other articles; restoring pianos which were in the flood; care of leather or imitation leather soiled by the flood; how to clean cooking utensils, stoves, and other metal equipment; and numerous other suggestions.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and children who were driven from their home on the meadows during the flood have moved to Hinsdale where Mr. Hudson has secured a position.

### Red Cross Appeal Moves Forward Here; Workers Get Busy

Mr. A. G. Moody, chairman of the Red Cross appeal committee invited the members of the Red Cross Roll Call committee to meet at the Northfield Hotel last Tuesday evening and a goodly number responded. Mr. S. E. Walker as treasurer here stated that subscriptions are coming in every day and Northfield will do its share in common with the other towns of the county. The county fund now amounts to over \$7000. The local situation was carefully considered and it was decided that members of the committee will do some calling and urge those who can to make their contributions as soon as possible. The Red Cross will spend much more here than the local fund will provide. Not only must relief be provided but rehabilitation will have to be furnished. This work is now proceeding as rapidly as possible and soon some idea can be had of the losses in this section. Residents of Northfield who are absent from town should send their subscriptions to Mr. Walker — if they contemplate this cooperation.

### Help Those In Distress!

Northfield may be proud of the quick and generous response and cooperation which has been so evident during the period of the flood.

The excitement is now largely over but the NEED is still GREAT!

Those of us who have not suffered material loss and are able to do so now have an opportunity to express our thankfulness and good fortune and a human interest in the relief of distress by contributing much-needed money to be administered by the Red Cross. We may be sure that all contributions will be used locally and much more in addition from the National Red Cross organization.

Send contributions to Mr. S. E. Walker at the Bookstore East Northfield.

### All Cows Were Saved

In our report of the story of the cattle who took refuge in and about the house of Mr. Zabko on the Farms meadow we stated that three of the cows were saved. We are now informed that all of the sixteen cows were saved and are being cared for by Mr. Charles A. Parker at his dairy farm. The story is to the effect that the cattle crowded the piazza and some entered the house and that although surrounded and in water they were finally secured. Photographs were taken of the place and scene it is said and the Press may be able to publish one soon.

### THE NORTHLAND COLLEGE CHOIR



The Northland College Choir, of Ashland, Wisconsin, directed by Prof. Sigvart J. Steen, will give a program of religious music in Sage Chapel on Thursday, April 9, at 1:30 o'clock.

On its 1935 tour this choir of 66 well-blended voices received excellent commendation and praise which reflected creditably on the college it represents. Its appearance at Northfield Seminary comes as a part of the Silver Anniversary celebration of Northland College.

Townpeople are cordially invited to hear this famous group. There will be no admission charge. The Press has this to say

of the singing of this choir on its 1935 tour:

"The choir showed itself to be an excellent trained organization, singing with precision, amazingly accurate intonation, good tonal quality and balance and a fine feeling for the nuances of the difficult works contained in the program."—Searsdale, N. Y. *Courier*.

"The effect of the whole concert was that of a great spiritual experience, for it was a revelation of what beauty in music can be."—Framingham, Mass., *News*.

"The beautiful blending of voices, swelling, and diminishing in turn produced an effect like the diapason of an organ."—Mt. Vernon, N. Y. *Argus*.

### Rehabilitation Work Will Cost \$30,000

Lieut. Col. Joseph J. Staley of the American Red Cross of Washington has made a careful survey of conditions resulting from the flood in the various towns of the county and he places the cost of rehabilitation at not less than \$30,000. He has visited Northfield and checked on conditions with local Red Cross officials.

Col. Staley stated that the Red Cross would attempt to restore property losses to the extent of personal possessions, including furnishings, lost by individuals during the flood. A local committee will soon be named to take charge of this part of Red Cross endeavor here.

### Women's Missionary

The Women's Missionary society of the Trinitarian Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. Carl Mason, Wednesday, April 1.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Lazelle who led the devotions. Mrs. Morgan gave an interesting talk on the part Home Missions may play in social welfare work, while Mrs. Evans described clearly three types of work, educational, medical and community service. Mrs. A. G. Moody gave an account of the personal experiences of Mrs. Mary White in Home Mission work.

In the social hour following the meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. Mason.

### Religious Worker Dies; Summer Resident Here

Friends of Miss Julia Livermore White in Northfield were saddened by the news that she had passed away on Saturday, March 28, while on a visit to a friend at Plainfield, N. J. She died suddenly of a heart attack. Miss White was a summer resident for many years of East Northfield and had a home on West Lane. In earlier years she was an active participant in the religious work of the summer conferences. Over 35 years ago she founded the Loyalty Club of the Central Presbyterian church of New York City of which church she was a member.

She was the daughter of the late B. Ogden White former Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange and his wife Susan Hubbard White. Four sisters survive, Miss Clara Pomeroy White and Miss Edith Hamilton White of New York, Mrs. Cornelius Remsen also of New York and Mrs. William G. Irvine of Rye, N. Y. The funeral was held last Tuesday from the home on West 72nd St., and from the Church, Park Ave., and 64th Street, New York.

### Speer Inventory Filed; Left Large Estate

An inventory of the estate of the late Elliott Speer was filed in the Probate Court at Greenfield last week. The total value of the estate is \$51,664.06 of which \$35,000 is in insurance policies. Mr. Merwin D. Birdsall was the appraiser.

His holdings aside from the insurance policies were largely in stocks and bonds and in a pension credit from the Northfield Schools. His widow and children are the beneficiaries.

### Fortnightly Annual Meeting Soon

The meeting of the Fortnightly scheduled for Friday afternoon April 3, will be a talk on "Our Wild Flowers" illustrated with pictures.

Although the attendance was small at the meeting at the Homestead last Friday evening, the meeting was one of the most interesting in this series. Mrs. G. W. Norton took for her subject "Period Furniture, more particularly Early American." The talk was illustrated with pictures and some posters that Mrs. Norton made herself.

One interesting feature of the program was a model house, on display, made by Mr. John Rikert of East Northfield. The little house was complete even to furniture and pictures. It was most interesting and received much attention. Mrs. Fred Pallam was hostess for the social hour. This meeting concluded the evening meetings for this season. They have been well attended when weather permitted, helpful and interesting.

The last regular meeting of the season, which will be the Annual Meeting, will be held at Alexander Hall on Friday afternoon, April 17. Mrs. James Allen will be the entertainer; she will give "My Mother's Diary."

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### Red Cross Chief Visits County Chapter; Told Of Loss Here

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman of the American Red Cross arrived in Greenfield last Sunday shortly after noon on a tour of the devastated portion of New England. He had just come with his staff from an inspection of conditions in Hartford, Springfield and the Northampton district.

He was met by members of the Franklin County Chapter and immediately went into conference regarding conditions throughout this territory. Among those in the party were Robert E. Bondy, national director of disaster re-



ADMIRAL CARY GRAYSON

lief, and John Maloney, of the Washington headquarters of the Red Cross.

When informed of the generous volunteer work he found done here, he said that he found a similar helpful attitude in all of the flooded areas he has visited. The volunteer service rendered the Red Cross during the past 10 days has been of more than a dollar-and-cents value.

The greatest need of the Red Cross outside of voluntary help in time of disaster, Admiral Grayson said, was for immediate funds.

Admiral Grayson said his present tour of all the flooded sections was taken to learn at first hand the problems facing the Red Cross. The trip is entirely informal, with no speeches or banquets, and his sole object is to see what can be done to help organizations in various communities, if they need help.

Luncheon was served in a private dining room at the Mansion House to the entire party. Mr. F. L. Boyden of Deerfield presided and spoke of conditions in the valley and of the splendid service rendered by the local disaster committees. Mr. Raymond F. Andrews spoke of the financial efforts being made and County Chairman John W. Haigis spoke of our well organized efforts in Franklin County. Photographs of the Northfield situation proved very interesting to Admiral Grayson.

After the meeting Admiral Grayson and his party left by auto for Boston. Northfield was represented at the Chapter meeting.

### Federation Conference

Mrs. Thomas Walker, president of the state federation of Women's clubs, and Mrs. Herbert French, 4th vice-president, will attend the 15th district conference of Women's clubs April 8 at Deerfield Academy.

The program, an all-day affair, will open at 10:30 a. m. and close at 4:00 p. m. The Deerfield and South Deerfield Women's clubs will be co-hostesses.

Reservations for the meeting and luncheon must be made with Mrs. George Davis of Deerfield before April 6 as there are accommodations for only 250.

### Soil Suffers Little By Flood Deposits Says An Expert

In speaking of the deposit of soil materials over the farm lands of the Connecticut valley, Mr. Ralph M. Donaldson, agronomist of the State College has this to say:

"Farm land has emerged from the recent flood area of the Connecticut valley showing little or no ill effects to the soil excepting in localized areas where swift currents either swept away top soil, gouged deep channels or left deposits of sand from a half foot to three feet deep. A preliminary survey of affected areas reveals much of the top soil still intact. Such land, in most cases, may be cropped as usual even though slightly covered with an inch or two of deposited soil. Laboratory tests show this deposited material to be of slightly lime nature and somewhat sweeter than our average crop land."

### P. T. A. Arranges Prize Speaking Contest

The final eliminations in the public school prize-speaking contest are being held in the various schools this week. The 12 or 15 survivors will compete in the Town Hall on Friday evening, April 10, for the \$18 in prizes being offered by the Parent-Teacher Union.

As this is the first prize-speaking contest to be held in the Northfield public schools in many years, there is much interest in the event. Pupils and teachers, and no doubt parents, are working hard to make it a success. The judges are to be Mrs. Ostberg of Orange, well-known here through her readings on several occasions, Miss Shute of the Northfield Seminary faculty, and Mr. Erickson of the Mt. Hermon faculty.

There will be no admission charged, so everyone come to the town hall at 8 o'clock on the evening April 10, and encourage our young folks in their initial attempt at public speaking.

### The Schell Bridge

Northfield's bridge problems were taken up with the State Public Works Department by local authorities. The Commissioner has considered the situation very carefully. Although the commissioner stated the state may possibly give some assistance, no promise was made of this aid. The bridge is a town bridge and was the gift of Francis R. Schell as a memorial to his mother and father. While a full inspection of the structure has not been completed, it is believed that the bridge was not seriously damaged.

Use of this bridge will probably be discontinued for some time as the highway on the western side was completely destroyed when the river made a new channel through the farms of Paul Urganiewicz and Andrew Plotczyk. It will take many weeks before a new highway can be made here. It is also generally understood the approach roadway will be straightened.

### Need Fire Permits

It's April and don't forget that fire permits are needed from the fire warden if you want to burn. Avoid any danger on a windy day and be sure you avoid any penalty by not having a permit. Applications for a permit should be made to Galen Stearns, Fire Warden.

Candidates to delegates to the Democratic State convention who have filed papers from Northfield are Lawrence S. Quinlan, Meadow street, and Harry L. Gingras, Maple street. It is said that Gingras is an unpledged delegate.

## The Flood Damage at Schell Bridge



Photograph shows the tremendous damage done at the west end of Schell bridge. The erosion has created a real problem here. A new channel of the river found itself on the farms in the foreground. The view is from the west shore looking toward the bridge and Northfield. It will be some time before traffic can be restored at this point.—Courtesy Recorder-Gazette.

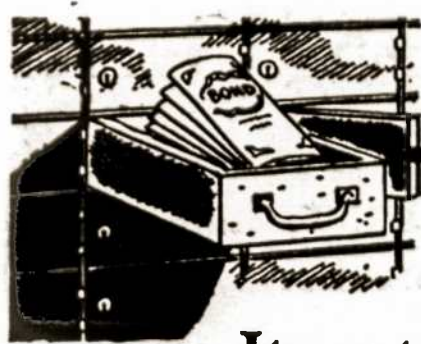


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### LOCALS

According to a record at the registry office at Greenfield, Mr. Fayett M. Bacon of Northfield has conveyed to Marie Bacon of Erving an interest in certain land near Laurel Lake in Erving.

Last week Wednesday evening the Northfield bowling team rolled against the Bear Cats of Bernardston at Wilcox alleys in Greenfield and defeated them by a score of 3-1.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings of last week a group of young people from Millers Falls gave a most enjoyable entertainment to the refugees of the Red Cross at the Union Hall in Northfield Farms. A most commendable act.

At a meeting of the Greenfield Rotary Club held last week at the Weldon Hotel, Game Warden Arthur Hughes of this district said that "an immense amount of damage has been done to fishing by the recent flood. The streams of western Massachusetts had been fully stocked last season with between 60,000 and 70,000 trout, and excellent fishing was promised for next year but these have been largely carried away by the high waters."

Telephone communication between Northfield and South Vernon has been restored. The service was interrupted when the line went out during the flood west of the Schell bridge. The new connection is by way of the Hermon road through West Northfield.

Bus service of the B. & M. R. R. is supplementing train service between Greenfield and Keene over highway routes 2, 63, and 10. Stops are made at Northfield, E. Northfield, Hinsdale, Ashuelot, Winchester, W. Swansay.

The Town Clerk reminds us that all dog licenses should have been taken out by April 1 as required by law. Don't forget to get your tag for your pets NOW.

A number of students from Mt. Hermon School will be guests of the Youths' Council at a supper and Passion Play lecture at the First Methodist church in Greenfield next Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Hundreds of motorists visited Northfield last Sunday as well as other places to see the ravages of the flood disaster. State Police and local constables had control of the traffic.

The Y. W. C. A. of this district will hold its annual district fair this summer at Conway according to a decision made at a recent meeting of the directors.

The sudden death of Dr. F. W. Steadman, well-known dentist of Greenfield with many friends in Northfield while on a trip to Florida was announced last week Friday. Recovering from an attack of pneumonia he had set out for a brief sojourn in the south but it is feared the strain was too much for him.

The Northland College Singers from Ashland Wisconsin will appear in Sage Chapel, Northfield Seminary, on Thurs. April 9, in a program of sacred music. The choir director is Sigvart J. Stern. The hour has been tentatively fixed as one-thirty o'clock.

Toyohiko Kagawa, the "Saint Francis of Japan" will speak in the Auditorium in East Northfield on Thursday, April 23, to the students of the Northfield Schools and such of the public as can arrange to attend. It will be a rare privilege to listen to this poet, philosopher, economist, reformer and labor leader as well as Bible teacher and preacher. Through the efforts of President Roosevelt this Japanese gentleman has been allowed a longer stay in the United States so that many might hear his message.

The students of the Estey Chorus of Northfield Seminary and of the Hermon Chorus of Mt. Hermon School, under the direction of Prof. M. L. Gallagher, will render a sacred concert in the First Methodist church at Greenfield on Sunday afternoon, April 26th.

Nomination papers of candidates for delegates to the Republican state convention from Franklin county have been filed with secretary of state Frederic W. Cook. Theodore F. Darby is the nominee from Northfield.

### LOCALS

The State Police have done splendid work in town during the flood period. At the request of the Selectmen two troopers have been assigned here and they have been at times on 24-hour shifts. Our local constables have also been pressed into service to guard the bridge road ends.

The Mothers' Society of the Congregational church will meet with Mrs. Harry James at her home on Parker street on Wednesday afternoon, April 8. Mrs. N. Fay Smith will be the speaker and Mrs. W. R. Moody will lead the devotions. Plans for the Mothers and Daughters banquet in May will be considered.

A number of families who were forced out during the recent flood have returned to their homes, as they were made habitable, during the week.

A large force of men are building a crossover track from the C. V. R. R. to the B. & M. railroad at Millers Falls and as soon as completed the Central Vermont trains will be routed over the B. & M. iron to Greenfield, thence to East Northfield where it will again use its own roadbed.

According to a deed filed at the County Registry Mr. Frank A. Green of Orange has conveyed to George E. Piper, Northfield, a tract of land containing 25 acres in the east part of Warwick.

There will be a preliminary meeting this Friday evening of a group of local Republican leaders at the Northfield Hotel to take action relative to forming a local Harts-for-Governor club.

Innoculations for typhoid were continued by Dr. A. H. Wright the past week assisted by Dr. F. W. Dean. The third inoculation will be given next Monday at the Farms schoolhouse.

The rainfall in this vicinity established a record in March. The precipitation of rain measured nearly 9 inches and there was 7 inches of snow. The record is the highest for 16 years.

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The new syrup is put up in gallon, quart and pint containers, which retail at \$2, 60 cents and 35 cents respectively. The first shipments generally arrive only in gallon containers.

Vermont maple syrup has a national reputation but much secured about Northfield and its vicinity tastes pretty good, too.

### The Boy Scouts

The Indian Patrol, having won the recent inter-patrol contest, was rewarded with a week-end camp trip last Saturday. The ideal weather gave the Indians a fine change for tracking, fire-building, and outdoor cooking.

Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and dinner were prepared by the Scouts and all voted them good meals. Although the meals were good, it was rumored one boy brought a supply of prune pie for a midnight lunch.

Oh, yes, it was Harold Bigelow's camp—and the Indians appreciate his letting them use it, as well as being there himself.

### Found Not Guilty

Because he was charged with the disposal of an uninspected quarter of veal which had been presented to him, Dr. A. H. Wright was ordered to District Court last Saturday by J. M. Kingston the veterinary inspector for this territory to whom the matter had been referred. After the case had been heard in its entirety Judge Ball found the Doctor not guilty and termed the violation only a technical one.

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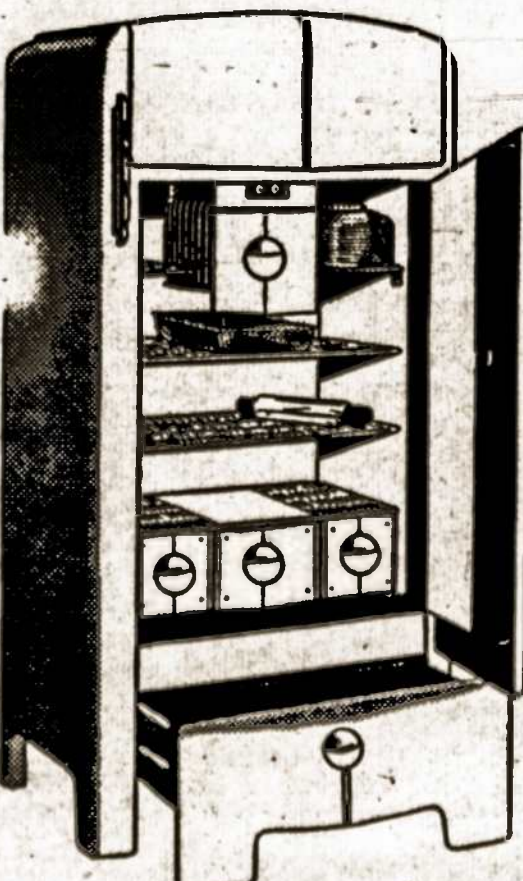
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CORN, Golden Bantam	No. 2 can 9c
MACKEREL, Eat-Well	3 tall cans 25c
COD Cakes, 40 Fathom	tin 9c
TOMATOES, Standard Pack	4 No. 2 cans 25c
SARDINES, Norwegian in olive oil reg tin	6 1/2c
COCKTAIL, Golden Fruit	No. 2 1/2 tin 21c
MUSTARD, Pure	1-lb. Jar 7c
SAUERKRAUT, Silverfloss	2 lg. cans 15c
DOG FOOD, Calo	3 cans 20c
Spaghetti, Macaroni, Elbows	3 lbs 25c
SPLIT PEAS, Wolff's Green	12-oz. pkg 5c
TUNA, Chicken of the Sea	2 cans 29c
DOG FOOD, Oh Kay	can 5c
R. B. BLEACH	gal. 19c
SALT, Free Running	1 1/2-lb pkg. 3c

29 FEDERAL STREET GREENFIELD

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Norma G. Nims of Yonker, N. Y., who is a summer resident of Northfield is making a prolonged stay at Saugus, Mass.

Rev. Philip T. Phelps who spent the winter at Scarsdale, N. Y., is now sojourning at Jamesburg, N. J. but expects to return to Northfield for the summer at an early date.

Miss Ethel Lawrence who has been visiting with friends in Jamaica, N. Y., is now at her home at Kemvil, N. J. She will return to Northfield about May 1, for the summer.

Mrs. F. L. Allen of Main street who has been staying this winter at the Mansion House in Greenfield has returned to open her home here.

Mrs. Lena W. Moore of Birnam road who has spent part of the winter at Arlington Heights, Mass., has returned to her home.

Rev. and Mrs. Elcott W. Brown have returned to their home on Main street, Northfield, after spending the winter in Florida. After touring about the southern state they embarked at Savannah with their automobile and arrived in New York last Thursday.

William G. Carr, of Northfield, is a member of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he is a junior in the aeronautical engineering department. He is a member of Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity. Carr was prepared at Mt. Hermon School.

## PERSONALS

Frances Callaghan who graduated from the Northfield Seminary last year is now with the Cambridge City hospital in Cambridge, Mass., and is enjoying her work very much.

Henry H. Elder, '36, of Mass. State College has been accorded scholastic honors, having attained an average of better than 85 in all studies. Elder is a Northfield boy and a former student of Mt. Hermon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Smith and Miss Virginia Smith have left Deland, Fla., where they have been staying and are now wending their way northward back to E. Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gutbrodt of Troy, N. Y., were last week-end guests of the Newton Griggs family on Winchester road.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright will join Dr. and Mrs. Lafayette of Boston on Friday in Boston and go to New York by the Fall River Line from whence they will sail on Saturday on the Comanche of the Savannah Line for Florida. They will visit several places in the southland and return home by motor after a two weeks' stay.

Miss Gwendolyn Wood of the Mass. State College is spending her spring vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. N. P. Wood at her home on Main street.

Mrs. E. F. Howard is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming at Wilton, Ct.

## PERSONALS

Miss Helen Schryba of Northfield is on her way to California where she will be married to Mr. Everett Danforth who is located at San Diego.

Miss Louise Whitman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Whitman, of Highland avenue, is spending her spring vacation with a Seminary classmate, Miss Margaret Garabrant at Upper Montclair, N. J. Miss Whitman will also visit relatives in West Hartford, Ct., on her return trip.

## GRANGE ACTIVITIES

The Northfield Grange dramatic committee, Rev. George A. Bronson, Mrs. Velma Lamphear and Mrs. Grace E. White have selected the play "Fuller's Fortune" and chosen the cast and the date set for the presentation which is April 17.

The cast is as follows: Judge Fuller, retired with a fortune, Rev. William A. White; Broncho Bright, the Judge's confidential friend, Warren Brown; Betty Bright, Bronco's bright-eyed daughter, Margaret Lamphear; Mary White, a social worker, Mrs. Dorothy Miller; Mrs. Scotty, unaccustomed to the west, Beryl James; Mr. Scotty, also new to the west, Leonard Lamphear; Mrs. Brittlepop, a sharp-tongued matron, Mrs. Evelyn Parker; Walter Davidson, a young man interested in life, Edward Bolton. The cast has already begun to rehearse under the direction of Carl L. Mason as coach.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1936

## EDITORIAL

The tense European war situation went from bad to worse recently, then from worse back to bad. Worst occurred when France refused to talk to Germany so long as troops occupied the Rhineland, Germany in return refused to recall a single soldier, and high French spokesmen then intimated that it might be wise for France to fight a "preventative war" now.

The progress back to bad was marked by a change in the French attitude, doubtless brought about by anxious English diplomacy. France seemed to soften, intimated she might talk terms with Germany yet, even if German troops are in long ver-bogen Cologne.

So hope for peace soars anew. But all seem to believe it will be a transitory peace.

One essential of investment security is diversification of risk. And in that simple fact is the reason why life insurance is looked upon as the most secure of all investments for the average man and women who cannot afford to speculate with savings. You may invest \$10,000 in an industrial enterprise that looks infallible. Yet a hundred things may occur that will result in its failure. And your savings are gone.

A life insurance company might also have \$10,000 in that industry, and lose it. But, to the insurance company, the loss would represent but an almost invisible fraction of its total holdings—it would hardly make a dent in its balance sheet because of its diversity of investment in many companies representing the basic industries of the world.

## Flood Control

It is a common fallacy to think that it is impossible to get too much of anything that is pleasant or fine. To feel that because a little of a thing is good, that much of it must necessarily be better. But the perfection of living is found in perfect balance, not in surplus. That, which is fine in itself, may so easily be evil when it becomes overgrown. Cancer is but cell-growth that has burst out of bounds. The cell brings health and well-being as long as it develops in a normal manner, but death, when it loses restraint. Fire, controlled, is one of humankind's greatest blessings, but let it loose and the puny bodies of men are but fuel to feed its fury. A glass of water refreshes and restores, but when the brooks, the lakes and the rivers break down the barriers that wall them in, they have become potential forces of evil through their very abundance, and man, no longer the master, is but a plaything of that without which he could not live. The emotions of the human race give richness and meaning to life, but emotion uncontrolled is insanity and death. Religion oversteps its

walls and we have the horrors of the inquisition and witch-trial. Self-respect, over-indulged leads to egotism and selfishness. And so on and on. Always as soon as balance is disturbed, life is broken down by the very forces that have helped to build it up.

We, as a nation, need "flood control." On every side we see people feverishly destroying, through lack of discipline and thought, more than they build up. Their homes are broken up, their chances of happiness are lost, their children spiritually embittered because they have been swept out of balance by the floods within themselves. In their endeavor to get the most out of life, they have brought down ruin and desolation upon their own heads. Instead of deep, still waters, they are in the grip of a raging torrent, swirling helplessly out to sea.

We are a nation of extremes. Individually and collectively, we are constantly either in drouth or flood, striving always to wring just a little more out of life or listlessly gathering up the spoils and wreckage of past excesses. Each watches his neighbor being swept away but is blind to his own danger.

We need "flood control." We need "conservation." We need to build up the dikes and the dams within and without. We need controlled power and not unbridled freedom and license.

—Blanche I. Corser

## The Back Yard Gardener

I made one of my occasional trips into the eastern part of the state last week and saw and smelled more signs of spring than I thought possible.

But there was one thing I saw and smelled which I didn't like and which gave me an inspiration for this week's note to you back yard gardeners. I am referring to the burning of grass on lawns.

May I say from personal experience that burning over a lawn is at any time of the year a poor idea. I don't suppose burning the grass is quite as bad as burning the hair off from a dog's back in case you want to get rid of fleas, but it is almost as bad. The crowns of the grass roots are either severely injured or killed entirely by the heat.

Furthermore, next summer when it gets dry, the crowns will miss the protection afforded by the old grass which is decaying and which has formed a slight mulch around the crowns and over the roots.

The thing to do is to forget your aches and pains, and get a good stiff iron rake, and rake over the lawn, taking out the excess dead grass and the stones and sticks and papers and other things which have gathered on the lawn.

If your ground is extremely rough, I'd advise getting a good heavy roller and rolling it before you rake it. Of course, don't do as I did last year—roll it when it is soaking wet. Wait until the soil is quite friable and yet soft enough to pack a little.

About the only other thing that needs to be done this spring, at least to a lawn which is already established, is to give it a little fertilizer. Fertilizer is a spring and fall proposition. In other words, it shouldn't be done during the summer.

A good dose of fertilizer right now will start the grass growing rapidly, which by the way is another reason for not burning. In burning you don't kill the weeds unless they happen to be already started. At least, you don't kill the weed seeds which are in the ground. And with the grass killed off the weeds have a better chance to grow.

Lots of lawns do need a little lime, but don't get the idea that lime is a fertilizer. It simply is a correction for acidity and also

improves the physical condition of the soil.

If you are interested in developing a good lawn or caring for a lawn which you now have, I think you'd get a lot of help out of a little leaflet I saw the other day which was issued by the State College at Amherst. Its number is 85 and the title is Lawn Management.

They say that the ideal fertilizer program calls for three applications—one April 15, another the middle of May, and the third the first week in September. If you can give only one, the April date is the best.

A commercial fertilizer for lawns should be a well-balanced formula. Any of the following are O. K. 10-6-4, 8-6-2 or 8-4-2.

—G. O. O.

## POET'S CORNER

**SALVATION ARMY MAN**  
I have heard them singing hymns on the sidewalks of the slums, I have heard them calling sinners to the beating of their drums, I have heard them nightly pleading with the craven and the weak

To forsake their way of living and a better one to seek— And looking mortals over in this curious worldly plan I would choose, for earnest labors, your Salvation Army man.

Here's no cosy sheltered parson preaching sermons from a book Picking soft and easy cases, dodging drunk and dope and crook.

But a cleric of the gutter meeting humans at their worst, Who will seek the soul's salvation but will feed the body first.

And upon the Master's business, which is sometimes bitter grim, Does more real good with doughnuts than with any gospel hymn.

Here's a man who lives his teaching, and the booming of his drum Shows he doesn't pick and choose them, but will take them as they come. Where the most of us are willing to perform the pleasant tasks, We don't like the uglier labors which the good Lord sometimes asks.

But Salvation Army heroes try to rescue to the end Since the lower down they're fallen it's the more men need a friend.

So here's to every officer, of every Army Corps.

Living your religion, going 'round from door to door, Or standing at the gutter's where men's lives are swirled and tossed

In the hope that you might save one which might otherwise be lost.

You are bigger, braver, finer than the most of us, I swear, By the work that you are doing and that uniform you wear.

—Edgar A. Guest

## Coming Events

April 8, Wednesday — Masonic Hall, Eastern Star.

April 9, Thursday — Northland College Singers, Seminary.

April 10, Friday — Town Hall, P.T. A. School Speaking Contest.

April 17, Friday — Alexander Hall, Annual Meeting, Fortnightly.

April 23, Thursday — Toyohiko Kagawa at Auditorium.

April 26, Sunday — Sacred Concert by Seminary and Hermon Choruses at Methodist Church, Greenfield.

## Grover Pleads Guilty; Sentence Suspended

John Grover of Brattleboro who formerly lived in Northfield pleaded guilty before Judge Henri Burke in superior court in Keene, N. H., Monday afternoon to a charge of reckless driving of an automobile, resulting in the death of John Kocchin of Hinsdale on July 29, 1935. A suspended sentence in the house of correction was imposed. W. Harry Watson was counsel for Grover and County Solicitor Arthur Olson prosecuted. The accident was near Homestead on the Brattleboro road.

## More Automobiles

The Massachusetts registry of motor vehicles reports that nearly 30,000 more vehicles had been registered on March 1 than on the same date a year ago.

Registrations in the first three months of the registry's fiscal year, beginning December 1, were 560,319 compared with 530,691 a year ago.

And how many more in Northfield? We certainly must have our share of the increase.

## CHURCH SERVICES



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At 7:30 each evening of this pre-Easter week, April 6 to 10, there will be a service in the vestry; Thursday evening the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Tuesday at 2:30 meeting in the Barber District with Mrs. Sherman. At 3:00 the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible Class will meet with Mrs. William Moody at the Homestead.

Wednesday the Mothers' Society will meet with Mrs. Harry James. Mrs. N. Fay Smith will speak on the topic "If not punishment—what?" All mothers are invited.

Thursday at 8:30 the choir rehearsal in the vestry.

Easter Sunday we are asked to increase the display of plants, our flower committee is anxious to cooperate.

Ride on; ride on in majesty; in lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

## SOUTH CHURCH

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Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Church School. This is birthday Sunday for all March birthdays.

10:45 a. m. Church Worship. The study of World Religions brings now the question: "What is the religious background of Kagawa, who will visit Northfield this month?"

The Woman's Alliance will hold its annual luncheon and regular business meeting at the home of Mrs. George N. Kidder on Thursday afternoon, April 9. The hostess will be assisted by Mrs. S. Harriman and Mrs. C. D. Streeter. The time is one o'clock. Annual reports will be received, the annual election held and a general discussion follow.

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"I answered, 'By letting him know that you wish to do it for Jesus' sake alone, and not for anything he has done in carrying on the meetings.'"

Moody, who was born in Northfield in 1837, founded The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago in 1886.

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